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SUBJECT: MISSION MONTHLY NARCOTICS REVIEW FOR JANUARY 1974

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1. SUMMARY: MUCH OF JANUARY WAS SPENT PREPARING FOR "OPERATION SEAM", THE "COMPASS TRIP" PILOT PROJECT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SPRING CAMPAIGN AGAINST OPIUM AND MARIJUANA. PLANS WERE MADE TO PICK UP TWO OF THE FOUR NEW BELL 212 HELICOPTERS; AND A NEW AGREEMENT WAS READIED TO PROVIDE FOUR NEW BELL 206 HELICOPTERS TO THE GOM ON A GRANT BASIS. THE DATT MADE VISITS TO MEXICAN ARMY UNITS IN MOREILA AND JALISCO, REPORTING ON THE ANTI-DRUG EFFORT IN THOSE AREAS.

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DEA HELD A BORDER STRATEGY CONFERENCE JANUARY 28-30 IN EL PASO. OPIUM SEIZURES WERE UP IN JANUARY; COCAINE DOWN

SOMEWHAT; AND HEROIN AND DANGEROUS DRUGS ABOUT THE SAME AS DURING PREVIOUS MONTH. EMBASSY STILL TRYING TO RECONCILE CONFLICTING SETS OF STATISTICS FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES IN GOM, PRESS AND OUR OWN GLOBAL ESTIMATES OF SEIZURES IN MEXICO.

2. EMBASSY AND GOM ACTIVITIES:

A. JANUARY WAS LARGELY A MONTH OF PREPARATION FOR THE SPRING CAMPAIGN AGAINST OPIUM AND HEROIN IN THE SINALOA AREA. THE JOINT DEA AND GOM PROGRAM, "OPERATION SEAM" (SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY MEXICO) BEGAN ON JANUARY 26, REGISTERING SOME INITIAL SUCCESSES (SEE MEXICO 1041). THE GOM READIED ITS HELICOPTER PILOTS TO PICK UP TWO OF THE NEW BELL 212'S IN TEXAS, WHICH IT DID IN EARLY FEBRUARY. AND A NEW AGREEMENT WAS TO BE CONCLUDED WHEREBY THE GOM WOULD RECEIVE FOUR ADDITIONAL BELL 206'S AS A GRANT, IN LIEU OF THE LEASE ARRANGEMENT ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED (THIS AGREEMENT WAS FORMALIZED ON FEBRUARY 1). PREPARATIONS WERE ALSO UNDERWAY FOR THE INITIATION OF THE "COMPASS TRIP" (REMOTE SENSING) PILOT PROJECT, TO BEGIN IN MID-FEBRUARY. MEANWHILE, THE GOM (MFJP AND MEXICAN ARMY) PROCEEDED WITH ITS SPRING INTENSIFICATION OF "PLAN CANADOR" TO ERADICATE POPPY AND MARIJUANA PLANTATIONS AND INTERDICT THE DRUG TRAFFIC IN SINALOA AND ELSEWHERE IN MEXICO.

B. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE MADE A SERIES OF VISTS TO UNITS IN JALISCO AND MORELIA. HIS OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE MEXICAN ARMY'S ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN THOSE AREAS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REFERENCED IR'S.

C. ON JANUARY 28-30 THE DEA DEPUTY REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND THE SAIC'S FROM MONTERREY AND HERMOSILLO ATTENDED A BORDER STRATEGY CONFERENCE IN EL PASO, IN WHICH DEA PERSONNEL FROM BORDER AREAS AND WASHINGTON PARTICIPATED.

3. GOM ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES:

A. WITH US AUTHORITIES

1 1/2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN JALISCO,
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5 OZ. HEROIN SEIZED IN MICHOACAN,
550,000 AMPHETAMINE TABLETS SEIZED IN TIJUANA,
1 TON MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO,
10 KGS. OPIUM SEIZED IN ACAPULCO,
2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO,
3 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED EN ROUTE TO REYNOSA,
4 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO,
5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED EN ROUTE TO REYNOSA,
400,000 MINI-BENNIES SEIZED IN TIJUANA,
1.1 KG. HEROIN SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO,

2.530 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT,
500,000 MINI-BENNIES, 14 GMS. COCAINE,
151 KGS. MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR TIJUANA,
8 KG. OPIUM SEIZED NEAR MAZATLAN,
1 MILLION AMPHETAMINE TABLETS SEIZED NEAR MAZATLAN,
MAJOR VIOLATOR AND US FUGITIVE "PETE" GARCIA SANDOVAL ARRESTED
AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT WITH 6 PACKAGES HEROIN.
5.5 KGS. OPIUM SEIZED NEAR CULIACAN
3.5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR CULIACAN.

B. INDEPENDENT MEXICAN OPERATIONS

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3.5 KGS. HEROIN SEIZED NEAR CULIACAN; DEFENDANT KILLED.
5-6 KGS. HEROIN AND 3 KGS. OPIUM SEIZED IN CULIACAN;
MFJP ALSO CLAIMING A PORTABLE LABORATOR SEIZED.
4 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR CIUDAD OBREGON
3 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.
2.3 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR BENJAMIN HILL.
1.5 TONS MARIJUANA, 1/2 KG. HEROIN SEIZED NEAR REYNOSA;
TWO TRAFFICKERS WOUNDED.
59 GMS. HEROIN SEIZED IN CIUDAD OBREGON
3 TRAFFICKERS KILLED, ONE WOUNDED NEAR ACAPULCO,
313 GMS. HEROIN SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO.
370 GMS. COCAINE, 221 KGS. MARIJUANA SEIZED NEAR
HERMOSILLO.
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96 KGS. HASHISH SEIZED IN TIJUANA
3 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NOGALES
1 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT
1 1/2 KG. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT
3 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT
3 TRAFFICKERS KILLED NEAR MORELIA, MICHOACAN
100 GMS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.
3.5 KGS. COCAINE SEIZED AT MEXICO CITY AIRPORT.
A LABORATORY TO PROCESS MARIJUANA AND DANGEROUS
DRUGS WAS SEIZED IN GUADALAJARA.
1.2 KGS. HEROIN, 1/2 KG. COCAINE SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO.
2 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NOGALES
310 GMS. HEROIN, 251 KGS. MARIJUANA SEIZED IN HERMOSILLO.
300,000 BARBITURATE PILLS SEIZED IN TIJUANA
8.5 TONS MARIJUANA SEIZED IN ACAPULCO,
TIJUANA, MORELIA AND CHIHUAHUA.

TOTALS FOR MONTH (UNOFFICIAL)

OPIUM GUM	26.5 KGS.
HEROIN	12.6KGS.
COCAINE	15.9 KGS.
AMPHETAMINES	2,450,000 TABLETS
BARBITURATES	300,000 TABLETS
1.1 KG. POWDER	
HASHISH	96 KGS.
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